

**Michigan's State Planning Project for the Uninsured
Advisory Council: 8/22/05 Meeting
Project Goals**

The overarching goal of Michigan's State Planning Project is to develop a plan that puts forth a set of realistic strategies and viable options that will lead to health insurance coverage for all Michigan citizens and promotes an understanding of uninsurance issues among key stakeholders and policy makers. The four specific project goals are:

- Create a broad-based, responsive, and effective governance structure for the State Planning Project for the Uninsured, including an Advisory Council, Steering Committee and Workgroups.
- Expand the current knowledge base regarding uninsurance issues through data collection activities designed to uncover unmet need, barriers to insurance coverage and system changes needed to extend coverage to all Michigan citizens.
- Using a consensus approach among key stakeholders and reflecting the quantitative and qualitative data collected, develop a set of options from which recommendations and a plan to extend access to health insurance coverage to all Michigan citizens will be produced, accompanied by a set of strategies to facilitate the adoption of the plan by key policymakers and the citizens of Michigan.
- Prepare a final report to the Michigan Department of Community Health on the processes and outcomes of the project, including: the information gained through data collection activities; the information and consensus processes used to select policy options for expanding coverage; lessons learned that may be useful in implementing the recommendations, and the recommendations for the staging of health insurance expansion options to allow for the expansion of coverage for Michigan citizens. A final report will also be submitted to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with the federal grant requirements. This report will include recommendations to the Federal Government relevant to enhanced access to health insurance coverage.